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SUBJ: ECAFE: TTPI'S SPEECH AND ACTIVITIES AT 30TH PLENARY SESSION

1. SO FAR TTPI DEL HAS PLAYED A QUIET, MODEST ROLE AT ECAFE PLENARY SESSION BUT HAS ALSO MADE INTERESTING SPEECH, CONTACTED OTPJR ISLAND DELS AND BEEN PRESENT AND TAKING NOTES AT ALL PLENARY AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

2. SHORTLY AFTER ITS ARRIVAL HERE, TTPI DEL MET WITH US DEL FOR GENERAL BRIEFING AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. FORMER MADE IT CLEAR THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF TAKING INDEPENDENT ACTION ON ANY CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS. IN FACT SUGGESTED THEY MIGHT BE ABSENT SHOULD ANY SUCH ITEM COME TO FLOOR. THEY ALSO TOLD US THEY HOPED TO MAKE SOME USEFUL CONTACTS WITH SECRETARIAT. WE ENCOURAGED THEM TO DO SO.

3. AT REQUEST OF OTHER ISLAND DELS, TTPI CHANGED ITS ORIGINAL INTENTION NOT TO MAKE MAIDEN POLICY SPEECH. THEY INFORMED US IN ADVANCE AND THEN MADE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS IN MARCH 29 SPEECH

A) DISAPPOINTMENT WITH ECAFE'S LIMITED ACTIVITIES IN PACIFIC (A COMMON COMPLAINT AMONG ISLAND DELS); B) NEED TO ESTABLISH WITHIN ECAFE SECRETARIAT DIVISON ON SOUTH PACIFIC AFFAIRS; C) GENERAL USELESSNESS OF COMBING LJPD-LOCKED AND ISLAND NATIONS AS ONE SUB-CATEGORY OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;

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EMPHASIZED DISTINCTIVE NATURE OF ISLANDS; D) DEPLSION OF

PACIFIC FISH SUPPLIES BECUASE OF UNCONTROLLED COMMERCIAL
ACTIVITIES; E) GROWING POLLUTION IN PACIFIC; F) TTPI'S
AGREEMENT WITH COOK ISLANDS FORCEFULLY STATED PROPOSAL THAT
ECAFE'S NAME BE CHANGED TO INCLUDE WORD "PACIFIC".

4. BEYOND ALL OF ABOVE, WE HAVE ALSO KEPT IN REGULAR TOUCH
ON ROUTINE MATTERS AND HAVE INCLUDED FULL TTPI DEL IN TWO
USG REPRESENTATION FUNCTIONS.
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